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SUBJ: ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICE IN NORTH AFRICA

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1. CASABLANCA CAN PROVIDE SAME SPACE ORIGINALLY OFFERED FISCHER WITH ADDITIONAL LAB/SOTRAGE SPACE AVAILABLE IF NEEDED. SPECIFICALLY CAN PROVIDE THREE CONTIGUOUS OFFICES ON GROUND FLOOR AND EXCELLENT LAB, SHOP AND STORAGE SPACE IN BASEMENT. AREAS CAN BE SEALED OFF WITH CIPHER LOCK DOORS FOR CONTROLLED ACCESS.

2. SEVERAL ALTERNATIVE SPACE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LABS AND SHOP POSSIBLE. BELIEVE QUALIFIED TSO REP SHOULD AGAIN VISIT AND CONSIDER WHICH IS MOST DESIRABLE FOR BOTH SECURITY AND CONVENIENCE. PROVISION OF 1300 SQUARE FEET OR MORE POSSIBLE BUT WILL REQUIRE ADDITION OF AIR CONDITIONER/HEAT PUMP CAPACITY FOR PART OF AREA NOT NOW EQUIPPED. DEPENDING ON TSO REQUIREMENTS, SOME MODIFICATIONS (E.G. DOORS IN INTERIOR WALLS), PLUMBING AND WIRING MIGHT BE NEEDED. ROUGH ESTIMATE BY OUR (CARRIER) AIR CONDITIONING CONTRACTOR IS \$5000 FOR ADDITIONAL CAPACITY. REFINEMENT OF THIS AND ESTIMATE FOR POSSIBLE OTHER WORK WILL REQUIRE MORE PRECISE ON SITE SURVEY BY TSO.

3. THE SECRETARY ASSIGNED SHOULD HAVE SOME COMMO CAPABILITY

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TO INCREASE OUR FLEXIBILITY IN C& R BACKUP (IN VIEW PROBABLY

INCREASE IN C&R LOAD DUE TO TSO). TSO WILL ALSO HAVE TO PROVIDE OWN OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, SINCE NONE AVAILABLE RABAT/CASABLANCA. NO OTHER SUPPORT PROBLEMS ENVISAGED.

4. FOR NEA/EX: BELIEVE TSO CAN BE ACCOMMODATED WITH NO INCREASE IN LOCAL STAFF. HOWEVER, WILL REQUIRE REINSTATEMENT OF ADMIN/C&R POSITION ELIMINATED LAST SUMMER (WILL PROVIDE MORE DETAILS ON SECRETARY/ADMIN/C&R MIX WHEN NEEDED). WOULD ALSO REQUIRE REAPPRAISAL OF OVERALL CONSULATE SECURITY NEEDS SINCE PROBLEMS OF PROTECTING PERSONNEL, PARTICULARLY AGAINST TERRORIST ATTACK, WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLICATED BY INCREASED NUMBER OF AMERICANS SPREAD THROUGHOUT BUILDING. (NOTE THAT IN ADDITION TO FIVE TSO PERSONNEL CONTEMPLATED, WE HAVE RECENTLY ADDED FISHERIES ATTACHE AND PRESENTLY ADDING ONE OFFICE (THREE FAMILIES) MUSLO HERE, ALL OF WHICH ADD SUBSTANTIALLY TO ADMIN AND C&R, AND, MARGINALLY, TO SECRETARIAL WORKLOAD HERE. ADDITION OF TSO WOULD RAISE CASA TOTAL TO 21 AMERICAN EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES, ALMOST DOUBLE CONTINGENT OF A FEW MONTHS AGO.). IN VIEW UNCERTAINTIES OF TSO PROPOSAL, RABAT ADVISES SUPPORT COST DATA WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN MORE SPECIFICS DECIDED ON PROJECT.

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